



## Declaration

### Network of Pro-European Organisations of Ukraine

We, the participants of the First All-Ukrainian Pro-European Civil Society Forum,

- Having discussed the experience of our activity and the challenges faced by Ukraine in the process of its European and Euro-Atlantic integration,
- Considering the low level of public awareness on the European and Euro-Atlantic integration matters,
- Stating insufficiency of cooperation and coordination effort between civil society organisations/ think-tanks and public authorities in development and implementation of the policy of European and Euro-Atlantic integration as well as low efficiency of coordination among public authorities in this sphere,
- Taking into account that European and Euro-Atlantic integration was affirmed at the highest national level as the strategic priority of domestic and foreign policy of Ukraine, which is embedded in a number of laws and regulations,
- Expressing concerns about insufficient use of opportunities offered to Ukraine by the European Neighborhood Policy, and
- Stressing the importance of fostering intensive people-to-people dimension between Ukraine and other countries of Europe,

hereby declare the establishment of the Network of Pro-European Organisations of Ukraine and ADDRESS:

- the central authorities of Ukraine,
- local executive authorities and bodies of local self-government,
- representatives of international diplomatic community,
- representatives of international donor community,
- mass media and
- political parties

with the following PROPOSALS:

#### to central authorities of Ukraine

- to ensure effective implementation of the State Programme of Ukraine for awareness raising on European integration for 2004 – 2007 and State Programme of Ukraine for awareness raising on Euro-Atlantic integration for 2004-2007;
- to generate and implement a transparent and accessible procedure of funding research and analysis products, as well as awareness raising and educational activities on European and Euro-Atlantic integration from state budget;
- to improve structure and mechanisms of establishment and operation of civil society collegiums, expert councils and other forms of civil society and expert participation in the policy process on European and Euro-Atlantic integration;
- to create efficient instruments (regulatory, administrative, informational and fiscal) of obtaining and using resources offered by the European Neighborhood Policy and other opportunities for deepening cooperation between Ukraine and the European Union;

#### to local executive authorities and bodies of local self-government

- to catalyze cooperation with civil society organisations and to render affordable support to their initiatives and projects pursuing public awareness on various aspects of European and Euro-Atlantic integration;
- to enable efficient work of round tables, civil society councils and expert groups, and to thus stimulate public debates of the policy of Ukraine' European and Euro-Atlantic integration at local level;
- to cooperate with civil society monitoring initiatives by providing necessary information and considering submitted recommendations;
- to elaborate a system of social contracts with civil society organisations in the spheres of information and education;

#### to representatives of international diplomatic community

- to support implementation of recommendations contained in the European Parliament's Resolution of April 6, 2006, in particular with respect to new contractual framework of EU-Ukraine relationship after 2008 and starting negotiations on an Association Agreement with Ukraine;
- to promote maximal liberalisation of visa policies and elaborating conditions for introducing visa free regime between Ukraine and the European Union;
- to participate, as experts and presenters, in public events tailored to discuss significant issues and to raise the awareness on European and Euro-Atlantic integration matters, and, especially, to share experience of relevant processes in own countries, thus assisting in developing partnerships between civil society organisations from Ukraine and EU member states;

#### to representatives of international donor community

- to support projects that pursue dissemination of European values in Ukraine, increase public awareness on the European integration processes and consolidate Ukrainian society around European values;
- to activate programmes that aim at fostering people-to-people ties and international exchanges, especially in the fields of education, youth contacts and information networking, as well as business and innovation;
- to take regional needs (differences among regions of Ukraine) into consideration when defining strategies and priorities for support programmes and actions;

#### to mass media representatives

- to promote progress of Ukrainian journalistic community based on European values and, therefore, to actively participate in shaping of editorial policies and self-organisation of journalists, and to stand up for the journalists' freedom of expression and for every citizen's right to information;
- to provide more active coverage of European and Euro-Atlantic integration processes as instruments for Ukraine's domestic transformation and modernization;
- to foster cooperation and information exchange partnership with civil society organisations and think-tanks in the coverage of European integration themes, and to broaden the range of matters for discussion;

#### to political parties

- to undeviatingly abide by the requirements of the effective legislation of Ukraine and international agreements on the matters of European and Euro-Atlantic integration of the country;
- to prove responsible attitudes to declared pre-election commitments and to implement the provisions of own programmes, specifically with regard to European and Euro-Atlantic integration;
- to concentrate, in the course of parliamentary activity, upon enactment of laws that stimulate processes of Ukraine's European and Euro-Atlantic integration.

The Network of Pro-European Organisations of Ukraine undertakes to be an active participant of the processes of European and Euro-Atlantic integration of Ukraine and to expand its membership, and expresses full readiness to coordinate its efforts with central authorities, local executive authorities and bodies of local self-government, representatives of international diplomatic community, international donor organisations, mass media and political parties.

#### *Participants of the First All-Ukrainian Pro-European Civil Society Forum, Kyiv, May 17-19, 2006.*

- "European dialogue", L'viv
- "Business Initiatives Centre" NGO, City of Ivano-Frankivsk
- Mykolaiv regional universal scientific library
- Dnipropetrovsk Regional Civic Organization "Intellectual Property Partnership"
- Foundation for local democracy, Kharkiv
- All-Ukrainian association "Porozuminnya" ("Mutual understanding")
- City of Sumy NGO "Internet Education Network"
- Vinnytsya Regional NGO "Youth Centre" Forum""
- Centre of Volyn civil youth organisations "Nasha sprava" ("Our business")
- L'viv City NGO "Centre of Informational Consulting"
- All-Ukrainian association for youth co-operation "Alternative B"
- Poltava Centre of Social Studies
- Educational Partner-club
- NGO 'Association of school principals of the City of Kyiv"
- Humanitarian education development fund
- League for Constitutionalism and Legal Culture – Kyiv"
- "K'yrym" newspaper, Simferopol
- Institute of Rural Development, Kyiv
- Centre of Humanitarian Technologies "AHALAR"
- All-Ukrainian NGO "Successful Ukraine"
- Rivne Regional Public Library
- "Tree of Life" Human Rights Centre, Kharkiv
- Ukrainian Association of Management Consultants
- European club of Novograd-Volynsky region
- Regional NGO "Institute of Local Development for Chernihiv Region"
- Chernihiv youth civic organization "Polissya Foundation for international and regional studies"
- Charity Foundation "Rivne: European Choice"
- Kirovograd regional Service for Gender Information
- NGO "Face to face", Odessa
- Hrushevsky General Research Library of Odessa Region
- Association 'Podillya Pershiy"
- NGO "Euro-Atlantic Choice", Sevastopol
- Dnipropetrovsk regional agency for economic development
- State Research and Technologies Centre EcoResource, Chernivtsi
- European Information Centre, Mykolaiv

- "European Club" Youth Organization of Donetsk Region
- PARITY Legal Association, NGO for Rivne Region
- Centre for regulatory policy studies
- International Research and Training Centre of information technologies and systems of the Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine
- Regional Academic Library of Trans-Carpathia
- Kharkiv regional organization "Committee of Voters of Ukraine"
- European Club (Maydan-Inform), Centre of Middle East Studies
- Centre for International Security and strategic studies
- European Club, City of Novohrad-Volynsky
- "Noviy Vek" ("New Age") Journal
- Centre for European and Transatlantic Studies
- Ukrainian Centre for Economic and Political Studies named after O. Razumkov
- Centre for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy of Ukraine
- Civic coalition "European Donbas"
- Democratic Initiatives Foundation
- Freedom of the Press Monitoring Committee in Crimea
- NGO "Centre of promoting the economical development of Kalushchyna"
- International Renaissance Foundation
- Lugansk European club
- All-Ukrainian NGO "Democratic action"
- "New perspectives" NGO
- Ukraine-NATO League
- European choice, NGO
- Independent regional TV agency "Kiparis"
- Youth civic organization "European club of Kyiv Humanitarian University"
- Union of businessmen of Trostyanetsyna
- Analytical –Information Centre "XXI century Democracy"
- Zaporizhzhya regional unit of the All-Ukrainian NGO „Ukrainian Youth Association"